GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6032
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CLOSURE OF GRANITE MINES
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any report of closures of several Granite Mines in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if, so, the details thereof, and

(c) the actions taken to improve the situation and stop the closures?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Granite being a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals(Development & Regulation)Act,1957, mineral concessions are granted by the respective State Governments under their Minor Mineral Concession Rules(MMCRs) and therefore no data regarding operating/closed mines is centrally maintained.